



99TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2015 and 2016

HB4974

Introduced 2/5/2016, by Rep. Barbara Wheeler

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

New Act

Creates the College Admission Inquiries Act. Provides that during the admission decision-making process, a college (defined as an institution of higher education authorized to confer degrees in this State) may not inquire about arrests that did not result in a criminal conviction and criminal convictions that have been sealed or expunged or make any inquiry or consider information about any arrest or criminal accusation of an individual that was followed by a termination of that criminal action or proceeding in favor of the individual. Provides that a college may not make any inquiry or consider information about an individual's past criminal conviction or convictions at any time during the admission decision-making process. Provides that after an individual has been admitted as a student, a college may make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of offering support counseling, services, and work-study employment. Provides that a college may also make inquiries about and consider information about the individual's past criminal conviction history for the purpose of making decisions about participation in activities and aspects of campus life associated with the individual's status as a student. Provides that a college may not use the information to rescind an offer of admission. Provides that a college is not required to make inquiries into or consider an individual's criminal conviction history for any reason. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
5 College Admission Inquiries Act.

6 Section 5. Definitions. In this Section:

7 "Admission decision-making process" means the submission
8 of a college application and all aspects of the college
9 application process through admission.

10 "College" means an institution of higher education
11 authorized to confer degrees in this State and includes a
12 college, university, professional school, or technical school.

13 Section 10. Inquiry on arrests prohibited. During the
14 admission decision-making process, a college may not inquire
15 about arrests that did not result in a criminal conviction and
16 criminal convictions that have been sealed or expunged. At no
17 time during the admission decision-making process may a college
18 make any inquiry or consider information about any arrest or
19 criminal accusation of an individual who is applying for
20 admission that was followed by a termination of that criminal
21 action or proceeding in favor of the individual.

1 Section 15. Inquiry on convictions prohibited. A college
2 may not make any inquiry or consider information about an
3 individual's past criminal conviction or convictions at any
4 time during the admission decision-making process.

5 Section 20. Permitted inquiries.

6 (a) After an individual has been admitted as a student, a
7 college may make inquiries about and consider information about
8 the individual's past criminal conviction history for the
9 purpose of offering support counseling, services, and
10 work-study employment. A college may also make inquiries about
11 and consider information about the individual's past criminal
12 conviction history for the purpose of making decisions about
13 participation in activities and aspects of campus life
14 associated with the individual's status as a student,
15 including, but not limited to, housing.

16 (b) A college may not use the information gathered in
17 making an inquiry under this Section to rescind an offer of
18 admission.

19 Section 25. Inquiries not required. A college is not
20 required to make inquiries into or consider an individual's
21 criminal conviction history for any reason.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.